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Mr. F. Andrew Piszkin
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RE: Draft Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD), IRP Site 11, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, dated February, 2003

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

EPA has reviewed the document referenced above dated February 10, 2003. The draft ESD provides justification for modifying the remedy for Site 11 documented in the Draft Final Record of Decision, OU 3A, Site 11, dated September 11, 1999. The ESD presents information regarding changes to risk based cleanup goals based on updated toxicity values and additional sampling at the site.

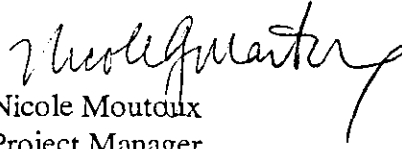
EPA has the following comments:

1. In order to more clearly describe the changes made to the remedy, please provide a side-by-side comparison of the original and proposed remedy components as suggested in the EPA guidance "A Guide To Preparing Superfund Proposed Plans, Records of Decision, and Other Remedy Selection Decision Documents, dated July, 1999.
2. Pg 1, Introduction: The bullets used to describe what the ESD addresses should include a bullet for the additional sampling data that has been included in the risk reevaluation since the draft final ROD was issued.
3. Table 1-3, Summary of Target Cleanup Goals for Primary COPCs, IRP Site 11. Please provide all risk assessment parameters, toxicity values & equations used to calculate the "Selected Target Cleanup Goal".

If you have any questions, please call me at (415)972-3012.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Moutoux", written in a cursive style.

Nicole Moutoux
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